

# NEHEMIAH LEBRÓN-GÓMEZ

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## EDUCATION

2026- **Princeton Theological Seminary**, Doctor of Philosophy (PhD), History and Ecumenics

Specialization area: World Christianities/History of Religions

2026 **Princeton Theological Seminary**, Master of Theology (ThM), Religion and Society

2024 **Seminario Evangélico de Puerto Rico**, MA in Religion (MAR), *Magna Cum Laude*

**Research Project:** "Imagined Zion in the Caribbean: an approach to religious philosemitism in rural communities of Puerto Rico"

2020 **University of Puerto Rico**, BA in Education, History – Philosophy; *Magna Cum Laude*

## ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS & AWARDS

2026 Hispanic Theological Initiative Scholar, Hispanic Theological Initiative

2026 Princeton Doctoral Fellowship, Princeton Theological Seminary

2026 Scholastic Promise Fellowship, Princeton Theological Seminary

2026 Trustees Merit Scholarship, Princeton Theological Seminary

2024 Dr. Luis Fidel Mercado Award, Seminario Evangélico de Puerto Rico

2022 Edgardo José Soto Brito Award, Seminario Evangélico de Puerto Rico

2016-2020 Dean's List, University of Puerto Rico

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCES

2022-2024 **Graduate Research Assistant**, Seminario Evangélico de Puerto Rico

Contributed to research by conducting comprehensive literature reviews, assisted in data collection, and transcribed texts on Historical Protestantism in 20th-century Puerto Rico under Dr. Samuel Silva Gotay.

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

### **Graduate Teaching Assistant**, Princeton Theological Seminary, New Jersey 2026-present

Assisted the lead professors, Dr. Raimundo Barreto & Dr. Brennan Breed, with graduate students in OTWC 1107: Bible and World Christianity.

### **Part-time Faculty**, Universidad del Sagrado Corazón, San Juan 2024–present

Courses taught: "Ethics and Political Challenges for Peace & Justice", "Challenges of Contemporary Society", "Introduction to Theology", "Spiritual and Religious Pluralism in Puerto Rico."

### **Graduate Teaching Assistant**, Seminario Evangélico de Puerto Rico, San Juan 2024-2025

Assisted the lead professor emeritus, Dr. Ediberto López, with graduate students in EBNT 6001 Koiné Greek I & EBNT 6002 Koiné Greek II.

### **Secondary Teacher & Board Directors Member, Full-time Faculty**, Paradiso College Preparatory, Río Piedras 2024–2025

Courses taught: "Historical Overview of Puerto Rico," "Latin America," and "Global History".

Served as the voice of the teaching staff on the Directors Board, advocating for their rights and promoting collaboration.

### **Secondary School Coordinator; Teacher, Full-time Faculty**, Covenant Private School, Trujillo Alto 2021–2024

Courses taught: "Historical Overview of United States and Puerto Rico," "Ethics, Society and Culture," and "Introduction to Philosophy".

Led professional development and fostered a collaborative environment for high school teaching staff.

Coordinated educational travel programs to New York and Washington D.C., leading students through historical sites and museums.

Co-edited an anthology of historical fiction short stories created by students.

## MINISTRY EXPERIENCE

### **Teaching Pastor and Ordained Minister**, Iglesia Renuevo Justo, Inc., Puerto Rico 2023–2025

## INTERSHIPS

Content Curator/Archivist, Asociación para Educación Teológica Hispana (AETH), 2026

## PUBLICATIONS

### *Articles*

Lebrón-Gómez, N. (2020). "Crisis de la representación en las Vanguardias Históricas: Panorama sobre las concepciones del arte plástico en el siglo XX." *Revista Ingenios*, 7(1), 1–11.

### *Book Chapters*

Lebrón-Gómez, N. (2026). "'Secular' Colony: Decrypting Secularization in the Colonial Hispanic Caribbean Context." In N. Panotto & R. Sanín-Restrepo (Eds.), *Democratizing Secularization: Religion and Power in the Contemporary Public Space*. Rowman & Littlefield/Lexington Books.

Lebrón-Gómez, N. (2026, forthcoming). "1916." In S. Figueroa Sifres (Eds.), *Modernización de la Esperanza*. Editorial SEPR.

### *Co-Authored Books*

Lebrón-Gómez, N., & Silva-Gotay, S. (2026, forthcoming). *Interpretar el fundamentalismo: ensayos críticos sobre religión y política desde el Caribe*. Publicaciones Gaviota.

### *Editorial Work*

Lebrón-Gómez, N. (Ed.). (2025). *El Cristo Discapacitado y otros ensayos sobre migración y violencia en clave teológica* by J. Mejías Ortiz. Editorial SEPR. p. 179

\_\_\_\_\_. (Ed.) (2024). *Protestantismo evangélico y Política: 1898-1930*, (vol. 1) by Samuel Silva Gotay. Editorial Historia y Sociología de la Religión. p. 391

\_\_\_\_\_, and Rosa-Fernández, I. (Eds.). (2021). *Writing History: An Anthology of Short Stories and Historical Fiction*. Independiente. p. 163

### *Public Scholarship*

Lebrón, N. "La encíclica papal y la revolución digital", *El Nuevo Día*, June 3, 2026.

\_\_\_\_\_. "Arcángel, Puerto Rico y la mentalidad colonial", *El Nuevo Día*, May 21, 2026.

\_\_\_\_\_. "Ataques del poder: de Harvard a la UPR", *El Nuevo Día*, June 3, 2025.

\_\_\_\_\_. "De todo menos... ¿política?", *El Nuevo Día*, April 26, 2025.

\_\_\_\_\_. "Nacionalismo y aporofobia: de un águila las dos alas", *El Nuevo Día*, February 3, 2025.

## PRESENTATIONS

### *Book Presentations*

“Book Presentation of *El Cristo Discapacitado y otros ensayos sobre migración y violencia en clave teológica*, by Juan R. Mejías Ortiz.” Seminario Evangélico de Puerto Rico, San Juan, PR (2025).

“Book Presentation of *Protestantismo Evangélico y Política: 1898-1930 vol. 1*, by Samuel Silva Gotay.” Seminario Evangélico de Puerto Rico, San Juan, PR (2024).

### *Conference Presentations*

Panelist. “*Decolonizing Theological Education in Puerto Rico: Ecumenical Protestantism and the Seminario Evangélico in the 1960s*”. Session on Decolonial and Ecumenical Initiatives to Transnational Ecumenism. North American Academy of Ecumenists (NAAE), Princeton Theological Seminary. Princeton, NJ. September 25-26.

Panelist. “*Decrypting Secularization: Colonial Power, Religion, and Inequality in the Hispanic Caribbean*”. Session on Global Perspectives on (In)Equality: Race, Nation, and Secularism. Ninth Annual Conference of the European Academy of Religion (EuARE), LUISS Università di Roma. Roma, Italy. June 30–July 3, 2026.

Panelist. “*From Groove to Witness: Popular Music, Celebrity Conversion, and Pentecostal Reception in the Spanish-Speaking Caribbean*”. Session on Popular Culture and Christianity in the Digital Age. Yale-Edinburgh Group on World Christianity and the History of Mission, The University of Edinburgh. Scotland, United Kingdom, June 10-12, 2026.

Panelist. “*Social Imaginaries in Historical Protestantism: A Glimpse of 1916 in 'Puerto Rico Evangélico'*”. Symposium of Religion and Social Change, Seminario Evangélico de Puerto Rico San Juan, PR; November 30, 2021.

## LANGUAGES

Spanish: Native speaker

English: Fluent

French: Reading proficiency

Greek Koiné: Reading proficiency

## CERTIFICATIONS

Secondary Teacher 6-12 (History) (2023–2029). Department of Education, Gov. of Puerto Rico. Social-Behavioral-Educational (SBE) (2024–). Citi Program – Human Subjects Research Artificial Intelligence Tools for Educators (2023). University of Puerto Rico at Cayey.

## **MEMBERSHIPS**

The European Academy of Religion

American Academy of Religion

Society of Pentecostal Studies

Society of Caribbean Pentecostal Theology

North American Academy of Ecumenists